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**HARDCASTLE, K. C., JR.**  
**PAPERS**  
**ca. 1899-1958**

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## INTRODUCTION

The K.C. Hardcastle, Jr., Papers (ca. 1899-1958) are centered around the creation of Camp Boxwell, the Boy Scouts of America reservation in Wilson County, Tennessee. Hardcastle served on the board of directors for the Boy Scouts, and was instrumental in the process to acquire the land for this reservation. This collection also contains some information on Mr. L.G. Boxwell, the president of the Nashville-area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for whom the reservation is named. These papers were a gift of John Hardcastle, Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .21 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the K.C. Hardcastle, Jr., Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The K.C. Hardcastle, Jr., Papers, containing approximately 30 items, spans the years 1899 through 1958 although it is concentrated on the year 1957. This collection consists mainly of correspondence between Hardcastle and certain influential government officials, in an effort to secure land in Wilson County for a reserve for the Boy Scouts of America. Also of interest are photographs of the office of the Tennessee Metal Culvert Company, located in Nashville. Mr. L.G. Boxwell, the president of this company, served as president of the Nashville-area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The bulk of this collection, as stated above, consists of correspondence among local businessmen with certain members of the Tennessee delegation in the U.S. Congress. The subject of this correspondence is an attempt to secure U.S. Corps of Engineers property along Old Hickory Lake (Wilson County). This property would be developed into the Camp Boxwell Reservation, for use by the Boy Scouts of America.

Of significance in these papers are letters from Senator Estes Kefauver, Senator Albert Gore, and Congressman Joe L. Evins – among others from the Tennessee delegation. Also of interest is a publication, *Merchant and Manufacturing Magazine* (1919), which appears to be promotional material for the State of Tennessee's economic development.

This collection would provide useful information for those researchers that are interested in the development of the Boy Scout Reservation, as well as a source for study in Tennessee's industrial development after 1900.

## CONTAINER LIST

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1. Correspondence: Hardcastle, K.C., 1957
2. Correspondence: Incoming, 1957
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4. Correspondence: Miscellaneous, undated
5. Clippings: *Nashville Tennessean*, *Nashville Banner*, ca. 1930, 1958
6. Land Records: Boxwell heirs, 1899
7. Photographs: Tennessee Metal Culvert Company office, Nashville, Tennessee, 1923
8. Printed Materials: Publication, *Hurst Construction News*, 1948
9. Printed Materials: Publication, *Merchant and Manufacturer Magazine*, 1919
10. Program: B.S.A. Council Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, 1958
11. Program: Eagle Scout Banquet, Nashville, Tennessee, 1958

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